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(SBU) On September 11, Poloff delivered reftel message on USG goals and objectives for the upcoming UN General Assembly to Counselor Marios Kountourides and Second Secretary Alexis Phedonos-Valet in the MFA's Department of Multilateral Affairs and International Organizations. Kountourides stated that GOC welcomed the goals and ideas expressed, and considers the USG approach "good news." Kountourides shared that human rights and the environment are two areas of particular concern world-wide, and he believes that the new USG approach on these issues "would win the U.S. many new friends." Kountourides said that he hoped the USG approach would encourage other countries to adopt a similar approach towards these important issues. URBANCIC